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THE
RETURN
OF THE
ESTATES of PARLIAMENT
UPON THE
TESTIMONY,

Communicated unto them by the Commis-
sioners of the Generall Assembly, and
their concurrence with the same.

THE Estates of Parliament presently convened,
Taking to their most serious consideration the sea-
sonable Testimony against Toleration, and the present
proceeding of Sectaries and their Abettors in England,
in reference to Religion and Government, With an Ad-
monition and Exhortation to their Brethren there from
the Commissioners of the Generall Assembly of the
Church of Scotland communicated unto them by you; And ponder-
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ing the present sad and strange condition of affairs in their neighbour Kingdom of *England* represented therein, & in several other Papers come to their knowledge; They do return unto you their hearty thanks both for your good correspondence (which the Parliament will with all cheerfulness entertain) and for your great care and faithfulness in giving such necessary and seasonably Warning and Testimonies against the dangers of the times on all hands at all occasions, And do heartily Concur in the grounds thereof against Toleration and the present proceedings of Sectaries in *England* in reference to Religion and Government, and in the Admonitions and Encouragements so fully exprest in the said Paper: And do most willingly adde this our Testimony thereunto; That our Brethren of *England* may be the more moved by the mouth of two Witnesses, and especially such as together with them stand and fall, and are covenanted with them for mutuall good, to lay those things to heart, and to abstain from all such sinfull and dangerous courses, And the faithfull not to faint under these afflictions, or to omit any necessary Testimonies or Duty against the corruption of the time; And because there have been severall aspersions published in Printed Pamphlets, for the strengthening of the hands of those who go on in these sinfull wayes, and for discouraging the hearts of these who are suffering under them; Therefore the Estates of Parliament after diligent enquiry at all the Members of this Court upon their publick and solemn Oath, both concerning themselves and others: Do Declare, and can assure their Brethren of *England*, that they cannot finde that either this Kingdom or any person thereof, had any knowledge of, or accestion unto the late proceedings of the English Army in relation to the Kings Person, or the Houses and restrained Members thereof, But are very confident there is no ground for such aspersions. On the other hand so soon as this Parliament was convened and constituted, and heard of the present posture of affairs, They being no wayes satisfied with their proceedings, and the reasons thereof, published to the world, And being convinced of the dangerous consequences thereof, and calamities likely to follow there-
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upon, They did give present instructions to their Commissioners up-
 on many reasons founded on the Obligations and Declarations made
 between, and by both Kingdoms (of which the matter of Fact
 is fully expressed by the Paper given in by our Commissioners
 on the 5. of *January* instant, to the Speaker of the House of
 Commons in our name, and according to our minde, herewith
 communicated to you) to presse a delay of all procedours against
 the Kings Person, the Prince his right of succession, or the funda-
 mentall Government of the Kingdom, untill this Kingdom were
 heard to represent their interest and desires; And in case of their re-
 fusall that they should enter in the name of this Kingdom their dis-
 sent, and Protest, That as this Nation is free from all knowledge of,
 and accession to these designs and practises, So they may be free
 of all the Calamities, Miseries and Confusions which may follow
 thereupon to these distracted Kingdoms. And as our constant re-
 solution and earnest desire to preserve inviolably the Peace and U-
 nion between the Kingdoms, will evidently appear to any who will
 read (beside all our former Actions and sufferings for it) our Act
 of Indiction of this present Parliament, and our Act repealing
 all past in the last Parliament or Committee of Estates for the late
 unlawfull Engagement against *England*. And as ye are witnesses of
 our keeping a Solemn day of Humiliation, not only for our own
 sins and miseries, but also for the sins and distresses lying on our
 dear Brethren, and for seeking the Lords Direction to us, that we
 may know and perform all the duties which the LORD re-
 quires of us at such a time, after such Judgements and De-
 liverances on his part, such an Acknowledgement and renewed
 Covenant on our part, not onely in relation to our own affairs
 at home, but also to what may concern Religion, King and King-
 doms, according to the solemn League and Covenant in these united
 Nations; So We Declare that it is our constant resolutions, with
 Gods assistance to give all seasonable Testimonies, and do all neces-
 sary duties within our power and calling, for the preservation of the
 begun Reformation against Toleration of all Religion, and of the
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fundamentall Government against Anarchy and confusion, And for continuing and preserving the Peace and Union between these Kingdoms, and all the Bands thereof, so often acknowledged and expressed in their Treaties, especially *one King, one Covenant, one Religion*, And for the observance of the manifold Declarations emitted between and by both Kingdoms to the World, in the positive and necessary duties for pursuance of all the Ends of the solemn League and Covenant. And to this effect we are and shall be most ready to deal and interpose in all earnestness and sincerity of heart, and by all lawfull and necessary means with all whom it may concern, for settling Peace and Truth in these Kingdoms, upon the grounds and Propositions so often agreed unto, and so long insisted upon by these two Nations, and upon what further shall be found safe and necessary for the removing of these distempers, and preventing new issues of blood, Calamities and Confusions in these Kingdoms, which the Searcher of hearts knoweth to be the earnest desire, and firm resolution of this Court and Kingdom.

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